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Dear Lake County Sewer Customer:

The Northwest Regional Sewer System provides sanitary sewer service to the communities of Fox Lake, Lakes Region Sanitary District, Lake Villa, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Heights, Round Lake Park, parts of Hainesville, Harbor Ridge (Utilities, Inc.) and portions of unincorporated Lake County. During periods of heavy rainfall, the sewer system is overburdened and improvements are necessary to increase capacity to prevent unauthorized discharges and basement backups. The county, along with this group of communities, has studied the issue for several years and have collaboratively developed a cost effective solution that will increase the capacity of the system, and allow facilities to meet Illinois EPA regulations, even during periods of heavy rainfall.

The most cost effective solution has been identified as upgrading and increasing the capacity of an Excess Flow Facility located in Round Lake Beach. These improvements will benefit all users of the system and will cost approximately \$7.1 million, of which \$2 million will come from County funds. The remaining \$5.1 million will be funded via a bond issuance or by an Illinois EPA low interest loan. The cost to each individual residential customer equivalent will be \$1.50 per month over the next 20 years if an IEPA loan is secured, or 30 years if a general bond issuance is required. This will appear as an "Excess Flow Surcharge" on your sanitary sewer bill beginning in January 2014.

For additional information regarding this project please visit our webpage at www.lakecountyil.gov/publicworks or contact our office at (847) 377-7500.

Sincerely,

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

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